

SENATE RESOLUTION 98

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronald Fritts "Ronnie" Pratt of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ronald Fritts "Ronnie" Pratt; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Pratt was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt was born on January 8, 1949, in Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-six years, Mr. Pratt worked in the railroad industry; he retired from CSX Transportation, where he earned the respect of his colleagues and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan, Mr. Pratt rooted passionately for the Tennessee Vols. When he wasn't watching sports, he could often be found dancing in the kitchen with his wife to the songs of Lionel Ritchie; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Pratt attended every football, basketball, softball, cheer, or theater event he could for his children, whom he lovingly referred to as his "turkeys"; he also coached many of their ball games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-one years, Yvonne Vestal Pratt, whom he affectionately called "Pickle"; he was the proud father of Yvette Smith, Allison Elliott, Meredyth Jarrell, Ron Pratt, Ryan Pratt, and Rhett Pratt; and the loving grandfather of Alex Elliott, Sadie Smith, Emily Pratt, Griffin Smith, Madalyne Elliott, Jackson Jarrell, Ronnie Elliott, and Piper Pratt; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his siblings, Paula Shearon, Ralph Pratt, Steve Pratt, and Mark Pratt; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Pratt leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ronald Fritts "Ronnie" Pratt, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Pratt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.